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Applicant: GUT, I. et al. Conf.: 8231
Appl. No.: 09/55,971 Group: 1634
Filed: November 14, 2000 Examiner: Lu, Frank Wei Min
For: METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF NUCLEIC
ACID BY MEANS OF ELECTROSPRAY MASS
SPECTROMETRY

SMALL ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 5, 2004, the period for response having been extended one (1) month to August 5, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response contains Amendments to the Specification, Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.